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1. On 15 April 1953, Unit I in the Loewen Kaserne in Doberitz numbered 1521 soldiers. On 11 April, 31 T-34/85 tanks and 6 JSU-152 guns were being maintained. On 14 April, 150 NCOs who wore black-bordered crimson epauletts arrived at the installation. On 15 April, 12 T-34/85 tanks and 6 x 57-mm and 6 x 76.2-mm AT guns towed by motor vehicles were seen leaving the installation. On 16 April, groups of 40 to 50 unarmed soldiers with full pack, totaling about 1000 men, left for a march practice, with the individual groups returning about 8 hours. On 17 April, Unit II in the Loewen Kaserne numbered about 1,000 soldiers. On 13 April, about 800 troops armed with carbines and carrying baggage marched out of the Adler Kaserne. Eight 122-mm field howitzers left the installation. On 17 April, service of the piece drill on 8 x 122-mm field howitzers was observed. [redacted] did not observe any activities in Olympisches Dorf.

2. At about 2 p.m. on 13 March, truck [redacted] occupied by 12 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epauletts, and towing an artillery piece, was seen en route toward Eulenspiegel settlement. The gun had a one-axle split-trail gun carriage, single-tired disk wheels of about 1.2 meters in diameter; 7 barrels, about 1 meter long and about 25 cm in diameter, with 6 barrels arranged around 1 barrel and the muzzles not protruding beyond the wheels; and no protective shield. The traveling position of the barrels was about 30 degree.

1. [redacted] Comment. The information indicates that Units I and II, which are known to be the 19th Mecz Regt and the 72d Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 1st Mecz Div respectively, were in their quarters in mid-April. The unit in the Adler Kaserne cannot be identified. [redacted] reported 122-mm field howitzers in this installation; the 283d (?) Gds How Arty Regt of the division, however, has been carried in Altes Lager [redacted]

2. [redacted] Comment. The gun observed is similar to the former German rocket projector and was recently repeatedly observed in East Germany. According to the description, it can only be a rocket launcher.

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